## Senate Study Bill 1051 - Introduced

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вч	(PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
	STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
	CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the possession, sale, transfer, purchase,
- and use of fireworks, providing penalties, and including
- 3 effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 DIVISION I

- 2 FIREWORKS REGULATION
- 3 Section 1. Section 100.1, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
- 4 2017, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 b. The storage, transportation, handling, and use of
- 6 flammable liquids, combustibles, fireworks, and explosives;
- 7 Sec. 2. Section 100.1, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
- 8 following new subsection:
- 9 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. To order the suspension of the use
- 10 of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, or novelties, as
- 11 described in section 727.2, if the fire marshal determines that
- 12 the use of such devices would constitute a threat to public
- 13 safety.
- 14 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 100.19 Consumer fireworks seller
- 15 licensing penalty fund.
- 16 l. As used in this section:
- 17 a. "APA 87-1" means the American pyrotechnics association
- 18 standard 87-1, as published in December 2001.
- 19 b. "Community group" means a nonprofit entity that is open
- 20 for membership to the general public which is exempt from
- 21 federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the
- 22 Internal Revenue Code or a fraternal benefit society, as that
- 23 term is defined in section 512B.3.
- 24 c. "First-class consumer fireworks" means the following
- 25 consumer fireworks, as described in APA 87-1, chapter 3:
- 26 (1) Aerial shell kits and reloadable tubes.
- 27 (2) Chasers.
- 28 (3) Helicopter and aerial spinners.
- 29 (4) Firecrackers.
- 30 (5) Mine and shell devices.
- 31 (6) Missile-type rockets.
- 32 (7) Roman candles.
- 33 (8) Sky rockets and bottle rockets.
- 34 (9) Multiple tube devices under this paragraph c that are
- 35 manufactured in accordance with APA 87-1, section 3.5.

- 1 d. "Retailer" means as defined in section 423.1.
- 2 e. "Second-class consumer fireworks" means the following
- 3 consumer fireworks, as described in APA 87-1, chapter 3:
- 4 (1) Cone fountains.
- 5 (2) Cylindrical fountains.
- 6 (3) Flitter sparklers.
- 7 (4) Ground and hand-held sparkling devices, including
- 8 multiple tube ground and hand-held sparkling devices that are
- 9 manufactured in accordance with APA 87-1, section 3.5.
- 10 (5) Ground spinners.
- 11 (6) Illuminating torches.
- 12 (7) Toy smoke devices.
- 13 (8) Wheels.
- 14 (9) Wire or dipped sparklers.
- 15 2. a. The state fire marshal shall establish a consumer
- 16 fireworks seller license. An application for a consumer
- 17 fireworks seller license shall be made on a form provided
- 18 by the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal shall
- 19 adopt rules consistent with this section establishing minimum
- 20 requirements for a retailer or community group to be issued a
- 21 consumer fireworks seller license.
- 22 b. A person shall possess a consumer fireworks seller
- 23 license under this section in order to sell consumer fireworks.
- 3. a. The state fire marshal shall establish a fee schedule
- 25 for consumer fireworks seller licenses as follows:
- 26 (1) For a retailer at a permanent building who devotes fifty
- 27 percent or more of the retailer's retail floor space to the
- 28 sale or display of first-class consumer fireworks, an annual
- 29 fee of one thousand dollars.
- 30 (2) For a retailer at a temporary structure who devotes
- 31 fifty percent or more of the retailer's retail floor space
- 32 to the sale or display of first-class consumer fireworks, an
- 33 annual fee of five hundred dollars.
- 34 (3) For a retailer who devotes less than fifty percent of
- 35 the retailer's retail floor space to the sale or display of

- 1 first-class consumer fireworks, an annual fee of four hundred
  2 dollars.
- 3 (4) For a community group that offers for sale, exposes for
- 4 sale, or sells first-class consumer fireworks, an annual fee
- 5 of four hundred dollars.
- 6 (5) For a retailer or community group that offers for sale,
- 7 exposes for sale, or sells second-class consumer fireworks,
- 8 but not first-class consumer fireworks, an annual fee of one
- 9 hundred dollars.
- 10 b. A license issued to a retailer or community group
- 11 pursuant to paragraph a, subparagraph (1), (2), (3), or (4),
- 12 shall allow the licensee to sell both first-class consumer
- 13 fireworks and second-class consumer fireworks.
- 4. The state fire marshal shall adopt rules to:
- 15 a. Require that any retailer or community group offering
- 16 for sale at retail any consumer fireworks, as described in APA
- 17 87-1, chapter 3, shall do so in accordance with the national
- 18 fire protection association standard 1124, published in the
- 19 code for the manufacture, transportation, storage, and retail
- 20 sales of fireworks and pyrotechnic articles, 2006 edition.
- 21 b. Require that a retailer or community group to be issued
- 22 a license pursuant to this section provide proof of and
- 23 maintain commercial general liability insurance with minimum
- 24 per occurrence coverage of at least one million dollars and
- 25 aggregate coverage of at least two million dollars.
- 26 c. Permit a retailer or community group issued a license
- 27 pursuant to this section to sell consumer fireworks, as
- 28 described in APA 87-1, chapter 3, at the following locations
- 29 as specified:
- 30 (1) At a permanent building that meets the requirements of
- 31 paragraph "a", between May 20 and July 6 and between December 10
- 32 and January 3 each year, all dates inclusive.
- 33 (2) At a temporary structure that meets the requirements of
- 34 paragraph "a'' between June 13 and July 6 each year, both dates
- 35 inclusive.

- 1 d. A retailer or community group shall not transfer consumer 2 fireworks, as described in APA 87-1, chapter 3, to a person who 3 is under eighteen years of age.
- 4 5. a. The state fire marshal shall adopt rules to provide
- 5 that a person's consumer fireworks seller license may be
- 6 revoked for the intentional violation of this section. The
- 7 proceedings for revocation shall be held before the division
- 8 of the state fire marshal, which may revoke the license or
- 9 licenses involved as provided in paragraph "b".
- 10 b. (1) If, upon the hearing of the order to show cause,
- 11 the division of the state fire marshal finds that the licensee
- 12 intentionally violated this section, then the license or
- 13 licenses under which the licensed retailer or community group
- 14 sells first-class consumer fireworks or second-class consumer
- 15 fireworks, shall be revoked.
- 16 (2) Judicial review of actions of the division of the
- 17 state fire marshal may be sought in accordance with the terms
- 18 of the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A. If
- 19 the licensee has not filed a petition for judicial review in
- 20 district court, revocation shall date from the thirty-first
- 21 day following the date of the order of the division of the
- 22 state fire marshal. If the licensee has filed a petition for
- 23 judicial review, revocation shall date from the thirty-first
- 24 day following entry of the order of the district court, if
- 25 action by the district court is adverse to the licensee.
- 26 (3) A new license shall not be issued to a person whose
- 27 license has been revoked, or to the business in control of the
- 28 premises on which the violation occurred if it is established
- 29 that the owner of the business had actual knowledge of the
- 30 violation resulting in the license revocation, for the period
- 31 of one year following the date of revocation.
- 32 6. a. A consumer fireworks fee fund is created in the
- 33 state treasury under the control of the state fire marshal.
- 34 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on
- 35 moneys in the consumer fireworks fee fund shall be credited

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- 1 to the consumer fireworks fee fund. Moneys in the fund are
- 2 appropriated to the state fire marshal to be used to fulfill
- 3 the responsibilities of the state fire marshal for the
- 4 administration and enforcement of this section and section
- 5 100.19A and to provide grants pursuant to paragraph "b". The
- 6 fund shall include the fees collected by the state fire marshal
- 7 under the fee schedule established pursuant to subsection 3
- 8 and the fees collected by the state fire marshal under section
- 9 100.19A for wholesaler registration.
- 10 b. The state fire marshal shall establish a local fire
- 11 protection and emergency medical service providers grant
- 12 program to provide grants to local fire protection service
- 13 providers and local emergency medical service providers to
- 14 establish or provide fireworks safety education programming
- 15 to members of the public. The state fire marshal may also
- 16 provide grants to local fire protection service providers and
- 17 local emergency medical service providers for the purchase
- 18 of necessary enforcement, protection, or emergency response
- 19 equipment related to the sale and use of consumer fireworks in
- 20 this state.
- 7. The state fire marshal shall adopt rules for the
- 22 administration of this section.
- 23 8. A person who violates a provision of this section or a
- 24 rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple
- 25 misdemeanor.
- 26 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 100.19A Consumer fireworks wholesaler
- 27 registration penalty.
- 28 l. For purposes of this section:
- 29 a. "Consumer fireworks" means first-class consumer fireworks
- 30 and second-class consumer fireworks, as those terms are defined
- 31 in section 100.19.
- 32 b. "Wholesaler" means a person who engages in the business
- 33 of selling or distributing consumer fireworks for the purpose
- 34 of resale in this state.
- 35 2. The state fire marshal shall adopt rules to require all

- 1 wholesalers to annually register with the state fire marshal.
- 2 The state fire marshal may also adopt rules to regulate the
- 3 storage or transfer of consumer fireworks by wholesalers and to
- 4 require wholesalers to maintain insurance.
- 5 3. The state fire marshal shall establish an annual
- 6 registration fee of one thousand dollars for wholesalers
- 7 of consumer fireworks within the state. Registration fees
- 8 collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the
- 9 consumer fireworks fee fund created in section 100.19.
- 10 4. A person who violates a provision of this section or a
- ll rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple
- 12 misdemeanor.
- 13 Sec. 5. Section 101A.1, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 3. "Explosive" means any chemical compound, mixture
- 16 or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to
- 17 function by explosion with substantially instantaneous
- 18 release of gas and heat, unless such compound, mixture, or
- 19 device is otherwise specifically classified by the United
- 20 States department of transportation. The term "explosive"
- 21 includes all materials which are classified as a class 1,
- 22 division 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, or 1.4 explosive by the United States
- 23 department of transportation, under 49 C.F.R. §173.50, and all
- 24 materials classified as explosive materials under 18 U.S.C.
- 25 §841, and includes, but is not limited to, dynamite, black
- 26 powder, pellet powders, initiating explosives, blasting caps,
- 27 electric blasting caps, safety fuse, fuse lighters, fuse
- 28 igniters, squibs, cordeau detonative fuse, instantaneous fuse,
- 29 igniter cord, igniters, smokeless propellant, cartridges for
- 30 propellant-actuated power devices, cartridges for industrial
- 31 guns, and overpressure devices, but does not include "fireworks"
- 32 as "consumer fireworks", "display fireworks", or "novelties" as
- 33 those terms are defined in section 727.2 or ammunition or small
- 34 arms primers manufactured for use in shotguns, rifles, and
- 35 pistols. Commercial explosives are those explosives which are

- 1 intended to be used in commercial or industrial operations.
- 2 Sec. 6. Section 331.301, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
- 3 following new subsection:
- 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. The board of supervisors may by
- 5 ordinance or resolution prohibit or limit the use of consumer
- 6 fireworks or display fireworks, as described in section 727.2,
- 7 if the board determines that the use of such devices would
- 8 constitute a threat to public safety or private property, or
- 9 if the board determines that the use of such devices would
- 10 constitute a nuisance to neighboring landowners.
- 11 Sec. 7. Section 331.304, subsection 8, Code 2017, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 8. The board, upon application, may grant permits for the
- 14 display use of display fireworks as provided in section 727.2.
- 15 Sec. 8. Section 364.2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
- 16 following new subsection:
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A city council may by ordinance or
- 18 resolution prohibit or limit the use of consumer fireworks,
- 19 display fireworks, or novelties, as described in section 727.2.
- Sec. 9. Section 461A.42, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended
- 21 to read as follows:
- 22 2. The use of consumer fireworks or display fireworks,
- 23 as defined in section 727.2, in state parks and preserves is
- 24 prohibited except as authorized by a permit issued by the
- 25 department. The commission shall establish, by rule adopted
- 26 pursuant to chapter 17A, a fireworks permit system which
- 27 authorizes the issuance of a limited number of permits to
- 28 qualified persons to use or display fireworks in selected state
- 29 parks and preserves.
- 30 Sec. 10. Section 727.2, Code 2017, is amended to read as
- 31 follows:
- 32 **727.2** Fireworks.
- 33 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section:
- 34 a. "Consumer fireworks" includes first-class consumer
- 35 fireworks and second-class consumer fireworks as those terms

1 are defined in section 100.19, subsection 1.

- 2 b. The term "fireworks" Display fireworks" includes any
- 3 explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances,
- 4 or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible
- 5 or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration,
- 6 or detonation, and includes blank cartridges, firecrackers,
- 7 torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, or other fireworks of
- 8 like construction and fireworks containing any explosive or
- 9 flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive
- 10 substance. The term "fireworks" Display fireworks" does not
- 11 include goldstar-producing sparklers on wires which contain
- 12 no magnesium or chlorate or perchlorate, flitter sparklers
- 13 in paper tubes that do not exceed one-eighth of an inch in
- 14 diameter, toy snakes which contain no mercury, or caps used
- 15 in cap pistols novelties or consumer fireworks enumerated in
- 16 chapter 3 of the American pyrotechnics association's standard
- 17 87-1.
- 18 c. "Novelties" includes all novelties enumerated in chapter
- 19 3 of the American pyrotechnics association's standard 87-1, and
- 20 that comply with the labeling regulations promulgated by the
- 21 United States consumer product safety commission.
- 22 2. Display fireworks.
- 23 a. A person, firm, partnership, or corporation who offers
- 24 for sale, exposes for sale, sells at retail, or uses or
- 25 explodes any display fireworks, commits a simple misdemeanor.
- 26 In addition to any other penalties, the punishment imposed
- 27 for a violation of this section shall include assessment
- 28 of, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty
- 29 dollars. However, the a city council of a city or a county
- 30 board of supervisors may, upon application in writing, grant a
- 31 permit for the display of display fireworks by municipalities,
- 32 fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations
- 33 or groups of individuals approved by the city or the county
- 34 board of supervisors when the display fireworks display will
- 35 be handled by a competent operator, but no such permit shall

- 1 be required for the display of display fireworks at the Iowa
- 2 state fairgrounds by the Iowa state fair board, at incorporated
- 3 county fairs, or at district fairs receiving state aid. Sales
- 4 of display fireworks for such display may be made for that
- 5 purpose only.
- 6 b. (1) A person who uses or explodes display fireworks
- 7 while the use of such devices is prohibited or limited by an
- 8 ordinance or resolution adopted by the county or city in which
- 9 the firework is used commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable
- 10 by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 11 (2) A person who uses or explodes display fireworks while
- 12 the use of such devices is suspended by an order of the state
- 13 fire marshal commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine
- 14 of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 15 3. Consumer fireworks and novelties.
- 16 a. A person or a firm, partnership, or corporation may
- 17 possess, use, or explode consumer fireworks in accordance with
- 18 this subsection and subsection 4.
- 19 b. A person, firm, partnership, or corporation who sells
- 20 consumer fireworks to a person who is less than eighteen years
- 21 of age commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of
- 22 not less than two hundred fifty dollars. A person who is less
- 23 than eighteen years of age who purchases consumer fireworks
- 24 commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less
- 25 than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 26 c. (1) A person who uses or explodes consumer fireworks
- 27 or novelties while the use of such devices is prohibited or
- 28 limited by an ordinance adopted by the county or city in which
- 29 the fireworks are used commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable
- 30 by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 31 (2) A person who uses or explodes consumer fireworks or
- 32 novelties while the use of such devices is suspended by an
- 33 order of the state fire marshal commits a simple misdemeanor,
- 34 punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty
- 35 dollars.

- 1 4. Limitations.
- 2 a. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on
- 3 days other than June 24 through July 6 and December 24 through
- 4 January 3 of each year, all dates inclusive.
- 5 b. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks at
- 6 times other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.,
- 7 except that on the following dates consumer fireworks shall not
- 8 be used at times other than between the hours specified:
- 9 (1) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July
- 10 4 and the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and
- 11 following July 4.
- 12 (2) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. on December 31 and 12:30
- 13 a.m. on the immediately following day.
- 14 (3) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the
- 15 Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following
- 16 December 31.
- 17 c. A person shall not use consumer fireworks on real
- 18 property other than that person's real property or on the real
- 19 property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer
- 20 fireworks on that property.
- d. A person who violates this subsection commits a simple
- 22 misdemeanor. A court shall not order imprisonment for
- 23 violation of this subsection.
- 24 <del>3.</del> 5. Applicability.
- 25 a. This section does not prohibit the sale by a resident,
- 26 dealer, manufacturer, or jobber of such fireworks as are
- 27 not prohibited by this section, or the sale of any kind of
- 28 fireworks if they are to be shipped out of the state, or the
- 29 sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or the theater,
- 30 or for signal purposes in athletic sports or by railroads
- 31 or trucks, for signal purposes, or by a recognized military
- 32 organization.
- 33 b. This section does not apply to any substance or
- 34 composition prepared and sold for medicinal or fumigation
- 35 purposes.

c. Unless specifically provided otherwise, this section does 1 2 not apply to novelties. 3 DIVISION II 4 RULEMAKING 5 Sec. 11. EMERGENCY RULES. The state fire marshal shall 6 adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and 7 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement 8 the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective 9 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the 10 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall 11 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided 12 in section 17A.4. 13 **DIVISION III** 14 EFFECTIVE DATE 15 Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed 16 of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment. 17 **EXPLANATION** 18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. 20 This bill relates to the regulation of fireworks. 21 The bill provides that the state fire marshal has the duty to 22 enforce all laws, and rules of the department of public safety 23 concerned with the storage, transportation, handling, and use 24 of fireworks. 25 Current law provides that a person, firm, partnership, or 26 corporation who offers for sale, exposes for sale, sells at 27 retail, or uses or explodes any fireworks, commits a simple 28 misdemeanor. Current law, however, also provides that a county 29 board of supervisors or the department of natural resources may 30 grant a permit for the display of fireworks if the fireworks 31 display will be handled by a competent operator. Current 32 law further provides that the term "fireworks" includes any 33 explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, 34 or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible

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35 or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration,

- 1 or detonation, including blank cartridges, firecrackers,
- 2 torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, or other fireworks of
- 3 like construction and fireworks containing any explosive or
- 4 flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive
- 5 substance with limited exceptions.
- 6 The bill maintains these restrictions for display fireworks
- 7 and provides that the term "display fireworks" shall not
- 8 include novelties or consumer fireworks. The bill provides
- 9 definitions for the terms "novelties" and "consumer fireworks".
- 10 The bill requires that the state fire marshal establish
- ll a consumer fireworks seller license, and requires possession
- 12 of such a license to legally sell consumer fireworks in this
- 13 state. The state fire marshal is required to establish a fee
- 14 schedule for consumer fireworks seller licenses. The bill
- 15 establishes two classes of consumer fireworks and requires
- 16 a \$1,000 annual licensing fee for a retailer at a permanent
- 17 building who devotes 50 percent or more of the retailer's
- 18 retail floor space to the sale or display of first-class
- 19 consumer fireworks, and a \$500 annual licensing fee for a
- 20 retailer at a temporary structure who devotes 50 percent or
- 21 more the retailer's retail floor space to the sale or display
- 22 of first-class consumer fireworks. Retailers who devote less
- 23 than 50 percent of the retailer's retail floor space to the
- 24 sale or display of first-class consumer fireworks are required
- 25 to pay an annual licensing fee of \$400. A community group
- 26 that sells first-class consumer fireworks is required to pay
- 27 an annual licensing fee of \$400. The bill requires an annual
- 28 licensing fee of \$100 for retailers or community groups that
- 29 sell only second-class consumer fireworks.
- 30 The bill requires that the state fire marshal adopt rules
- 31 to require that licensed retailers and community groups only
- 32 offer consumer fireworks for sale in accordance with specified
- 33 industry standards. The bill also requires that retailers
- 34 and community groups provide proof of and maintain commercial
- 35 general liability insurance with specified coverage amounts.

- 1 Under the bill, the state fire marshal is required to adopt
- 2 rules to permit licensed retailers and community groups to sell
- 3 consumer fireworks at conforming permanent buildings between
- 4 May 20 and July 6 and between December 10 and January 3 each
- 5 year and at conforming temporary structures from June 13 to
- 6 July 6 each year.
- 7 The bill also provides for the revocation of a consumer
- 8 fireworks seller license for the intentional violation of
- 9 licensing requirements. The bill establishes procedures
- 10 for the revocation of such licenses and procedures for
- ll review for such revocations. The bill also establishes a
- 12 consumer fireworks fee fund under the control of the state
- 13 fire marshal. The fund shall consist of the fees collected
- 14 for the licensing of retailers and community groups and the
- 15 registration of wholesalers. The fund is required to be used
- 16 for administration and enforcement of the state fire marshal's
- 17 consumer fireworks related duties and to provide grants to
- 18 local fire protection and emergency medical service providers.
- 19 The bill requires that the state fire marshal adopt rules
- 20 to require that wholesalers of consumer fireworks annually
- 21 register with the state fire marshal and allows the state fire
- 22 marshal to adopt rules related to wholesaler insurance and the
- 23 storage and transfer of consumer fireworks by wholesalers. The
- 24 state fire marshal is also required to establish an annual
- 25 \$1,000 wholesaler registration fee to be deposited in the
- 26 consumer fireworks fee fund.
- 27 Under the bill, a violation of a licensing or registration
- 28 provision established in Code or by rule is considered a simple
- 29 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement
- 30 for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more
- 31 than \$625, or by both.
- The bill provides that a person or a firm, partnership, or
- 33 corporation may possess consumer fireworks as provided in the
- 34 bill. The bill provides that a person, firm, partnership, or
- 35 corporation who sells any consumer firework to a person who

- 1 is less than 18 years of age commits a simple misdemeanor.
- 2 A person who is less than 18 years of age who purchases any
- 3 consumer fireworks commits a simple misdemeanor. A simple
- 4 misdemeanor is generally punishable by confinement for no more
- 5 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625 or
- 6 by both, but the bill provides for a fine of at least \$250.
- 7 The bill provides that the state fire marshal may order the
- 8 suspension of the use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks,
- 9 or novelties if the fire marshal determines that the use of
- 10 such devices would constitute a threat to public safety. The
- 11 bill provides that a person who violates such an order by the
- 12 fire marshal commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine
- 13 of at least \$250.
- 14 The bill provides that a county board of supervisors may
- 15 adopt an ordinance or resolution to prohibit or limit the
- 16 use of consumer fireworks or display fireworks if the use of
- 17 such devices would constitute a threat to public safety or
- 18 a nuisance. The bill also provides that a city council may
- 19 adopt an ordinance or resolution to prohibit or limit the use
- 20 of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, or novelties if the
- 21 use of such devices would constitute a threat to public safety
- 22 or a nuisance to landowners. The bill provides that a person
- 23 who uses fireworks when the use is prohibited or limited by an
- 24 ordinance in the city or county in which the devices are used
- 25 commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least
- 26 \$250.
- 27 The bill also provides certain restrictions on the use or
- 28 explosion of consumer fireworks. The bill prohibits the use
- 29 or explosion of consumer fireworks on days other than June
- 30 24 through July 6 and December 24 through January 3 of each
- 31 year. The bill prohibits the use or explosion of consumer
- 32 fireworks at a time other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m.
- 33 and 10:00 p.m. of those days, except as specified in the
- 34 bill. The bill further prohibits the use of fireworks by a
- 35 person on the real property of another person unless the owner

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- 1 of the real property has consented to such use. Under the
- 2 bill, a violation of these restrictions is considered a simple
- 3 misdemeanor, provided, however, that a court shall not order
- 4 imprisonment for such a violation.
- 5 The bill requires the state fire marshal to adopt emergency
- 6 rules to implement the provisions of the bill, which shall be
- 7 effective immediately upon filing.
- 8 The bill takes effect upon enactment.